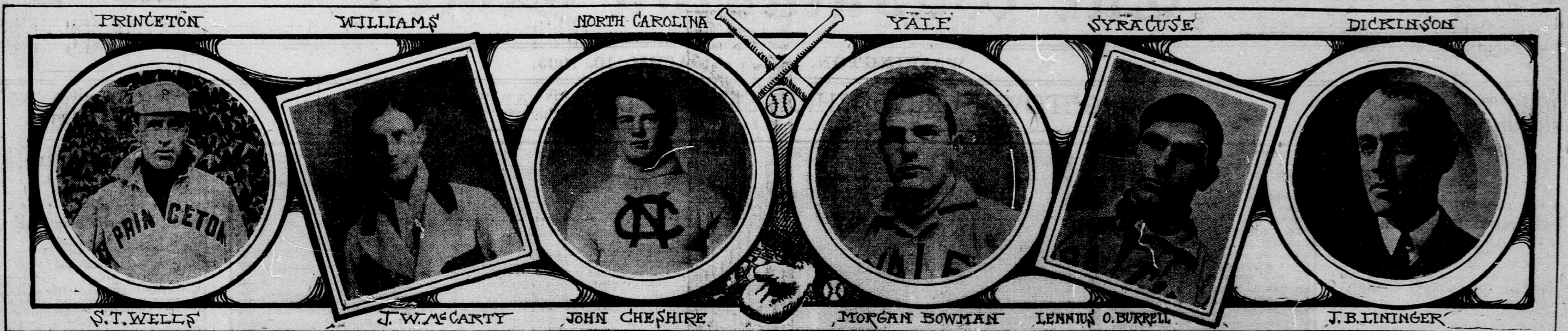


## CAPTAINS OF SIX OF THE MOST PROMINENT COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAMS



## NAVAL ATHLETES HAVE BUSY DAYS

Ambitious Programs for  
Crews and Nines.

EXPECT TO BEAT ARMY

Fourth Baseball Game at West Point  
May 20—Four Races for  
Oarsmen.

ANNAPOLIS, April 15.—The spring athletic season at the Naval Academy will be one of more than usual interest along the lines of baseball, rowing, and other aquatic sports and field and track athletics.

The midshipmen will play sixteen games of baseball in the season, and special interest is added to it from the fact that they will meet the West Point Cadets at its close. In rowing, the midshipmen have by far the largest schedule of any American college, meeting Yale, Georgetown, University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia, all on different dates. In track athletics there will be a closed tournament, a dual meet with Lafayette College, and possible some others.

### West Point on May 20.

The game with the Military Cadets will be at West Point, on May 20, and will be the fourth game between the two teams. West Point has won both of the games played at Annapolis, and Annapolis the only one at West Point. This being the case, it is thought that it is Annapolis' turn to win. The local players are being coached by "Midget" Murphy, of Yale.

The Navy has two fairly good pitchers from last year, Needham and Hughes, and a new man, Douglass, from the University of Tennessee, gives much promise. The infield has shown only average work so far, but the outfield is unusually strong. The team in general has been weak at the bat. Next week the Harvard squad will spend a week in Annapolis, as they have in several previous years, and will use the Naval Academy grounds. Its visit is always an interesting feature of the spring season. On Tuesday there will be a match between the two first teams, and on Thursday one between the second teams.

### Four Rowing Races.

The Naval oarsmen will undergo the strain of four races this spring, Georgetown being the first and followed in order by Yale (college), University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia. Georgetown and Columbia entered their first and second crews separately. Pennsylvania will enter both crews in one race and Yale will bring to Annapolis what it calls its college crew. The understanding is that the crew is not to be considered representative of Yale, but is as good a crew as can be produced so early in the season and always contains a number of the men who afterward make the varsity.

The Navy crews have been coached this season and last by Richard Glendon, of the Boston Athletic Association. With a crew that had been beaten in every race the season before, Mr. Glendon turned out an eight that won half of its races, and this year the Navy has much confidence in him. He has a good nucleus of men with whom he worked last year and who understand his methods. The Academy has three crews on the water every good day.

### FAST TEAM OF OSTRICH TROTTERS IN ARKANSAS

Easily the most remarkable pair of ostrich "trotters" in the country are Whirlwind and Black Diamond, owned by Thomas A. Cockburn, of Arkansas. These trained ostriches are driven to a pneumatic speeding wagon, and under favorable conditions can do their half mile in 1:45 or better. This is a 2:10 clip, which only the fastest equine trotters can surpass when hooked to a wagon.

In single harness each of the birds has been pitted against many noted horses, and though occasionally beaten, has won far more races than he has lost.

The faster of the birds stands about nine feet eight inches high, and weighs 200 pounds. He is eighteen years old. Both are first-class plumage birds and they are valued at \$20,000.

Mr. Cockburn, who owns an ostrich farm, tries out thirteen or fourteen young birds each year, and considers himself lucky to find one among them that has the racing instinct.

Whirlwind has this instant developed to a remarkable extent and will struggle like a thoroughbred to win a race when pitted against a horse. He was broken to harness two years ago, and is at once the fastest and best trained bird in the country.

A school of correspondence for field track athletes is the latest, and like all startling innovations has its birth at the University of Chicago. Coach Stagg, who has been writing for his health for some time, is writing his instructions from Hot Springs and his directions are being followed by the graduate coaches at Marshall Field.

## Brightwood Harness Racers Are Waking Up

Making Active Preparations for Four-Day  
Meeting, Which Begins May 23—Extensive  
Improvements on Track and Fixtures.

Now that the bangtalls have had their day at Benning, and the city has returned to its normal state of mind, the coming trotting meeting at Brightwood is beginning to attract its share of attention.

The promoters of the Brightwood sport know they are up against a hard game in trying to make harness racing popular in a running horse town, but there has been such an evident growth of interest this winter that they are more than sanguine that they will have a successful four days. The new blood in the club has been hustling and the membership is now larger than ever before. In the course of the winter a number of oyster roasts were given, and the results prove peculiarly satisfactory, far more than was anticipated.

### Many Changes Made.

The money from all sources, including a stiff assessment on the stock, has all been used in improving and developing the plant, and those who have not been to Brightwood since last summer will be surprised at the changes made. Changes in the track have made it much faster and safer than it ever was before, and there should be a number of new track marks registered at the meeting which begins May 23 and ends May 26. Many additional stalls have been erected, and a new grandstand will supplant the ugly shed which served that purpose last year. The removal of the unsightly structure will improve the appearance of the entire course, and while it required more money than was at first intended to be spent this season, the directors came to the conclusion that it would have to go.

Extensive alterations have also been made in the clubhouse, which is now a cozy and attractive place. Each Sunday when the weather has been good, there has been a large attendance of harness enthusiasts, and the steady increase in

## FENCING PRACTICE DEVELOPS HEALTH

Sport That Presses Into Service Every  
Muscle of the Human Frame—Evi-  
dences Throughout Life.

The enormous value of continual practice with the foils as a means of securing and preserving good health is in any laudable opinion, the main reason for the steady hold of fencing upon public favor in France and Italy. It is only of late years that the attention bestowed by medical men upon physical exercise—in France, at least, where Dr. Lagrange's treatises have become classical—has given prominence to the worth of fencing as a health factor. Everyone knows—or rather everyone should know—that fencing presses into service every muscle of the human frame; that it creates and develops suppleness and quickness; that, practiced in youth, it imparts a freedom and grace in motion absolutely unattainable by other means; that it is not a violent exercise, in so far as injury by strain is involved; and, finally, that its perils are comparatively few. At recent intervals one hears of a fatal injury resulting almost invariably from a cheap or damaged mask, or from the foolhardy practice of exercising without the usual head or chest covering, or with an ill buttoned foil. The proportion of mishaps to the number of fencers, however, is infinitesimal.

Another great point in favor of the art—and in this the sport is absolutely unique—is that the veteran of the fencing room does not "lag superfluous." In swiftness and lightness of execution, the hand of the swordsman resists most valiantly the advance of years, while the experience of the resourceful veteran offsets, in nine cases out of ten, the unreasonable furia of the younger set. The nether limbs, of course, betray the fencer long before his hand has lost its cunning, and the quick and far-reaching lunge is habitually a thing of the past by the time the average fencer has turned his fiftieth year.—Frederick A. Schwab in Outlook.

Birney and Garfield Schools played a game that abounded in fine fielding and batting. Fielding honors went to Birney and batting honors to Garfield. The latter won by 17 to 13. The losers did so well in the field that their losing the game casts no reflection on the team. They were simply outbatted. Birney School's line-up follows: Harry Hall, first base; Lawrence Stewart, second base; Roscoe Harris, third base; Robert Duckett, catcher and shortstop; William Smith, pitcher and shortstop; Will Pleasant, pitcher; Roland Dale, pitcher; Charles Helm, right field; Lawrence Smallwood, center field; Carrington Helm, left field; Robert Lawson and George Samuels, substitutes; J. B. Smiler, manager; William Wilkerson, coach.

## SOUTHERN TRIP OF COLLEGE MEN

George Washington Team  
Has Trouble Ahead.

THREE GAMES SCHEDULED

Roanoke College, Washington and Lee,  
and Virginia Will Be Met.  
Should Win Two.

Tonight the George Washington University baseball team will leave here for a three days' trip in Virginia. Manager Sutton has arranged a pleasant schedule, and with the entire team in the pink of condition he expects to come back to Washington with a clean record.

Three games will be played, beginning at Salem with Roanoke College. Roanoke has a strong team this year, but will be up against a double difficulty tomorrow afternoon when it faces the Buff and Blue. Last year the Salem boys shut out the Washingtonians, not a man reaching third base. A tall, lanky southpaw from the hills of southwestern Virginia had the old Columbians completely at his mercy. This year, however, the George Washington team is 50 per cent stronger, and it has determined to wipe out the defeat of last year by outplaying its opponents at every point. It is quite likely that Joe Holland or Willie Carr will pitch this game. Weber,

the regular first baseman, will not be able to accompany the team South, and Captain Stevenson will cover the initial bag. The rest of the team will be composed of the regular nine.

Moving on from Roanoke, the Buff and Blue will play Washington and Lee at Lexington. Here, too, the Washington boys have a score to settle. The crack team which last year defeated almost every college team in Virginia, beat Columbian twice, and this season the George Washington men have sworn revenge.

Thomas, who shows great improvement in his pitching every day, will twirl against Washington and Lee, and if he pitches in his present form a victory is almost certain.

On Wednesday afternoon the hardest game of the trip will be played when the Buff and Blue stacks up against the University of Virginia. This promises to be a fine contest. Last year the two teams played a close game, Virginia winning by the score of 9 to 7. So far this year, the showing of the two teams have been about equal, although George Washington did better work against Pennsylvania State College. The Pennsylvania team defeated Virginia by 13 to 2, making but 5 hits, while George Washington knocked out 10 safeties, and was defeated by 12 to 8.

Carl Hutchinson, the crack southpaw of the Buff and Blue, will face the Virginia batters, and it is probable that Virginia will also use her left hander, Pollard. In case he does not pitch, Adams, who shut out Lafayette, will serve up the shoots for the Old Dominion.

Returning home Thursday morning, the George Washington boys will hardly have time to rest before they play the Williams College team on University Field that afternoon. This game will be pitched by Carr, with Bradley behind the bat, and Weber playing first base.

## PREP OARSMEN TO RACE NAVY

Race Arranged With First  
Year Middies.

LINE-UP STILL UNSETTLED

Candidates Have Had the Advantage  
of Coach Dempsey's Coaching  
and Should Be Strong.

For the first time in the history of the Georgetown Prep School a crew representing that institution, has arranged an out-of-town race.

After considerable correspondence between the managers of the Navy and Georgetown boat club, a race between the preps and the plebe class of midshipmen has been fixed for Annapolis on May 3, the same date as the annual Annapolis-Yale race.

For three years the preps have been represented on the water, but this is the first season that any systematic effort was made to get out the best oarsmen in the school and organize a formidable eight.

Before going on the water the candidates for the eight had considerable practice on the machines. During the past month, since the river work began,

the preps have had the advantage of rowing with the first and second varsity crews, and in that way have received considerable advantage from the advice which Coach Dempsey gave the big oarsmen.

While the line-up has not yet been settled upon, it is likely that the crew will row as follows: Stroke, Captain Jeff; No. 7, Longman; No. 6, Adams; No. 5, Ockerman; No. 4, Stanton; No. 3, Smyth; No. 2, Le Camp; Walsh, bow, and De Guine, coxswain. Hollan and Zappone, substitutes.

## PROCEEDS OF CONTEST FOR BASEBALL COLLEGE

A tendency toward a new movement in ball playing that will do away with the heavy expenses for traveling from city to city, and keep the clubs at home to play rival clubs in their own towns, developed recently, when Manager McGraw, of the Giants, sent the following telegram just before Clark Griffith's Highlanders left Jackson, Miss.:

"John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, Nashville, Tenn.: Will you accept challenge to play us, Ridge-wood Park, Sunday, April 16, receipts to fund a baseball college, so major leagues may be independent of minor leagues? Also in conjunction, a Charley Horse hospital, location to be decided by National Commission? Answer at my expense. CLARK GRIFFITHS."

The need of a hospital for the treatment of patients suffering with Charley Horse has long been felt among baseball players. A place where patients can have rest and quiet, with photographs of themselves in throwing or batting attitudes upon the walls, and blue glass pavilions, where convalescents can go on, salaries, likewise.

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## LARGEST TRACK TEAM HARVARD EVER HAD

Two Hundred and Thirty Candidates  
Have Reported for Crimson Squad.  
Coaching System.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 15.—Harvard's track squad has reached the phenomenal proportions of 230 men. Never in all the Crimson's history has she had so many candidates for the field and cinders, and Coach Garcelon is beginning to think that he may yet defeat Yale this year.

During the last week seventy-five new men have reported, and the interest appears to grow. The candidates are divided approximately as follows: Mile and two-mile, 57; half-mile, 70; quarter-mile, 20; sprints, 50; hurdles, 17; high jump, 12; broad jump, 25; pole-vault, 10; barmer-throw, 8; shot-put, 5.

During the last week Trainer Lathrop has so systematized his work that individual attention may be paid to each candidate. In the past men have always run in bunches. In the future they will run separately as far as possible, and by following each one individually the coaches expect to gain a better idea of the true value of their men.

In addition to Mr. Lathrop, Elery Clark, Harvard's old all-around champion, has assisted in the coaching, paying particular attention to the hurdlers and the weight candidates. Next week Mr. Clark hopes to evolve some system by which the weight men can be more thoroughly developed. Such a system has been lacking in the past, a fact which has accounted in large measure for Harvard's poor showing in those events.

## SYRACUSE WILL TRY GRADUATE MANAGER

SYRACUSE, April 15.—Syracuse University's athletic governing board last week made an important change in the management of the university athletics, creating the office of graduate manager and electing Samuel H. Cook, 1902, for the last three years sporting editor of the Syracuse Post Standard.

The new manager will begin his duties at once, giving his entire time to the work. He will have general supervision of all university athletics and eventually also of all college publications, glee club, etc., which will be used to get money for the athletic funds. Manager Cook will have his office in University block, downtown.

This step is a decided advancement in Syracuse athletics. Graduate manager-ship is now in vogue at all the leading universities in the country.

Second Baseman, George Hill has written to a Fort Wayne friend that he likes the Washington team and management and thinks he will make good.—Chicago Journal.